SUPERMAN
DC
NATIONAL COMICS
12¢
MAY
NO. 380
Adventure
COMICS
featuring SUPERBOY and the
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
Featuring:
"The AMAZING SPACE ODYSSEY of THE LEGION!"
SUPERBOY! WHERE ARE YOU?
STRANGE! I SAW HIM STEP AROUND THIS ROCK A MINUTE AGO! WHY DOESN'T HE ANSWER?

Sorry, the rest of you kids who don't do a lot of vine swinging, giant killing, arrow shooting, elephant trampling, and sky flying.

You have to earn the award the regular way.

You have to get in shape and try out for the President's All America Physical Fitness Team at school.

Don't worry.

You don't have to fly or be invincible or anything like that. You just have to be able to run, jump, pull-up, sit-up and throw a softball.

Every kid has the same chance to make the President's Team regardless of size, sex or shape.

If you make the team, you win this badge from the President.

Every boy and girl 10 to 17 can try out.

The kids in the photo below don't have to.

For information, talk to your physical education teacher or write President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, Washington, D.C. 20201. **Try out for the President's Physical Fitness Team at school.**

An honorary Presidential physical fitness award to the following boys and girls.

PHOTOGRAPHY CARL FISCHER COPYRIGHT © NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., 1968-69

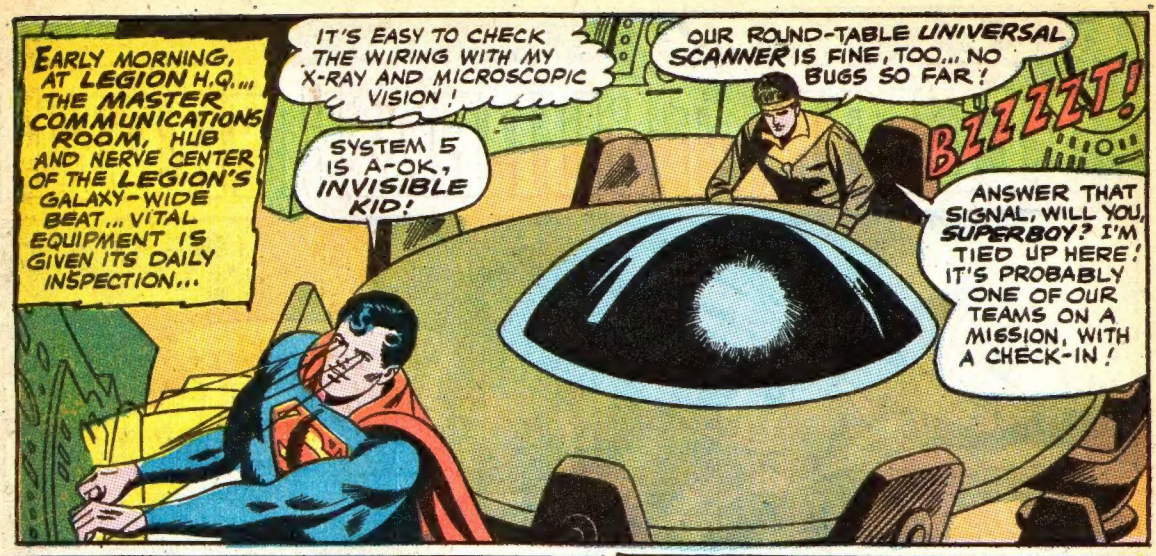
COPYRIGHT © NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., 1969

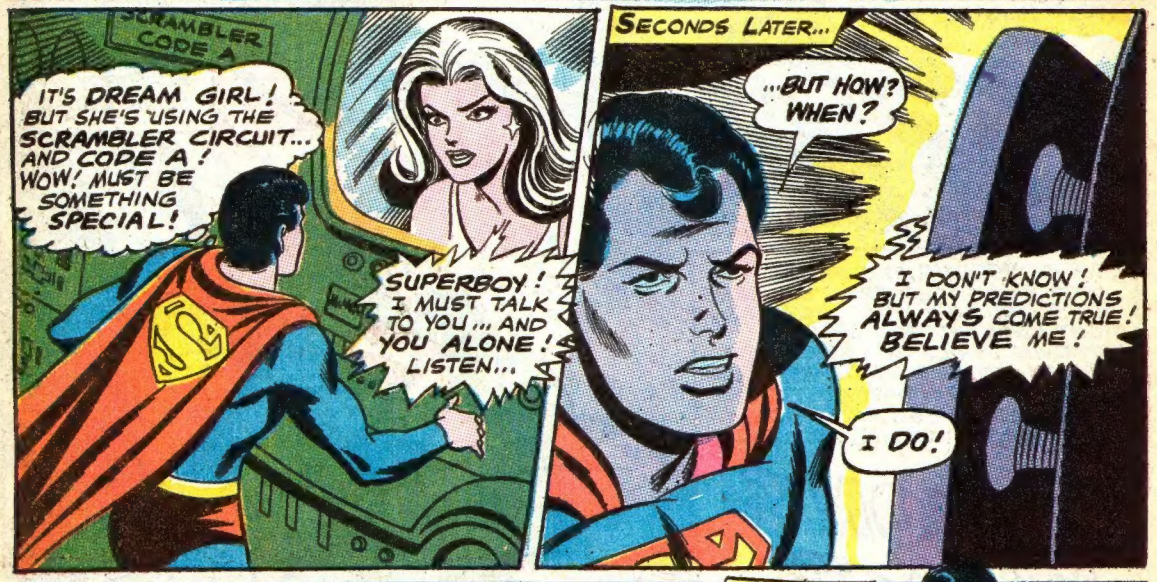
TALES OF THE LEGION of SUPER-HEROES

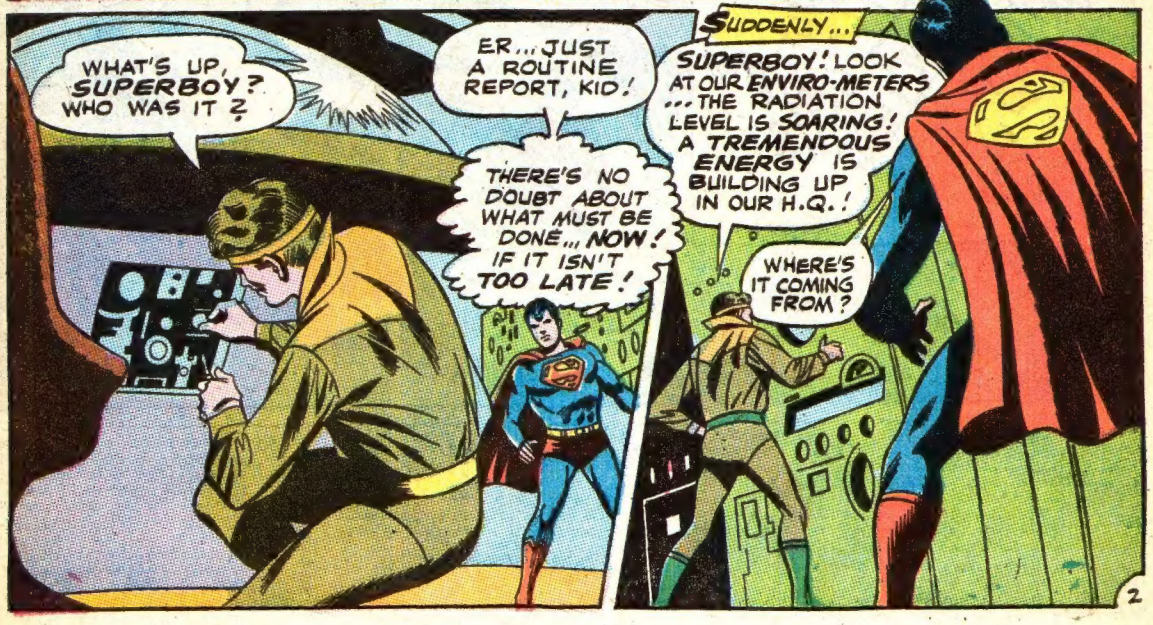
IT'S SUPERBOY... ON THAT ROCKY ISLAND! HE'S IN TROUBLE! WE MUST HELP HIM, BOUNCING BOY!
NO, DUO DAMSEL! TURN BACK! IT'S A TRICK TO GET YOU LOST IN THIS STORM! THE REAL SUPERBOY IS DEAD!
ROLL CALL
BOUNCING BOY
COSMIC BOY
DREAM GIRL
DUO DAMSEL
INVISIBLE KID
LIGHT LASS
MON-EL
SUN BOY
SUPERBOY
ULTRA BOY
LIKE ODYSSEUS, THE GREEK HERO WHO FACED GREAT DANGERS ON HIS JOURNEY HOME FROM TROY, EIGHT LEGIONNAIRES FACE UNKNOWN PERILS ON A HOMEWARD VOYAGE! MYSTERIOUSLY TRANSPORTED FAR FROM EARTH, THEY MUST CROSS UNCHARTED SPACE...AND LAND ON UNEXPLORED WORLDS... DURING...
"The LEGION'S SPACE ODYSSEY!"

ADVENTURE COMICS. No. 380, May, 1969. Published monthly by NATIONAL PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC., 2nd & Dickey Sts., SPARTA, ILL. 62286. Editorial, Executive offices, 909 THIRD AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022. Mort Weisinger, Editor. E. Nelson Bridwell, Assistant Editor. Carmine Infantino, Editorial Director. SECOND CLASS POSTAGE PAID AT SPARTA, ILL. under the act of March 3, 1879. No subscriptions. For advertising rates address Richard A. Feldon & Co., 41 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10017. Copyright © National Periodical Publications, Inc., 1969. All rights reserved under International and Pan-American Copyright Conventions. The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. No actual persons, living or dead, are intended or should be inferred.

"This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or disitributed with any part of its cover of markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition, nor affixed to, nor as part of any advertising, literary or pictorial matter whatsoever." Printed in U.S.A.


EARLY MORNING, AT LEGION H.Q.... THE MASTER COMMUNICATIONS ROOM, HUB AND NERVE CENTER OF THE LEGION'S GALAXY-WIDE BEAT... VITAL EQUIPMENT IS GIVEN ITS DAILY INSPECTION...
IT'S EASY TO CHECK THE WIRING WITH MY X-RAY AND MICROSCOPIC VISION!
SYSTEM 5 IS A-OK, INVISIBLE KID!
OUR ROUND-TABLE UNIVERSAL SCANNER IS FINE, TOO... NO BUGS SO FAR!
BZZZZT!
ANSWER THAT SIGNAL, WILL YOU, SUPERBOY? I'M TIED UP HERE! IT'S PROBABLY ONE OF OUR TEAMS ON A MISSION, WITH A CHECK-IN!


SCRAMBLER CODE A
IT'S DREAM GIRL! BUT SHE'S USING THE SCRAMBLER CIRCUIT... AND CODE A! WOW! MUST BE SOMETHING SPECIAL!
SUPERBOY! I MUST TALK TO YOU... AND YOU ALONE! LISTEN...
SECONDS LATER...
...BUT HOW? WHEN?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT MY PREDICTIONS ALWAYS COME TRUE! BELIEVE ME!
I DO!


WHAT'S UP, SUPERBOY? WHO WAS IT?
ER... JUST A ROUTINE REPORT, KID!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT WHAT MUST BE DONE... NOW! IF IT ISN'T TOO LATE!
SUDDENLY...
SUPERBOY! LOOK AT OUR ENVIRO-METERS ... THE RADIATION LEVEL IS SOARING! A TREMENDOUS ENERGY IS BUILDING UP IN OUR H.Q.!
WHERE'S IT COMING FROM?

I CAN'T TELL... IT SEEMS TO BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE! IT'S NEARING THE DANGER ZONE... WARN EVERYONE WHO'S AT HOME BASE... TO EVACUATE!
RIGHT!
I'LL SEE IF ANYONE'S IN THE LAB!
I'LL HEAD FOR THE RECREATION ROOM! MOST OF 'EM ARE PROBABLY THERE!
SOON...
WHAT'S WRONG, KID?
WHY SHOULD WE EVACUATE THE BASE?
NO TIME FOR QUESTIONS! HURRY!
HERE COMES SUPERBOY!
THEN... BEFORE ANOTHER MOVE CAN BE MADE...
AN EXPLOSION! THE FORCE OVERLOADED... I'M BLACKING OUT!
BARROOM!!

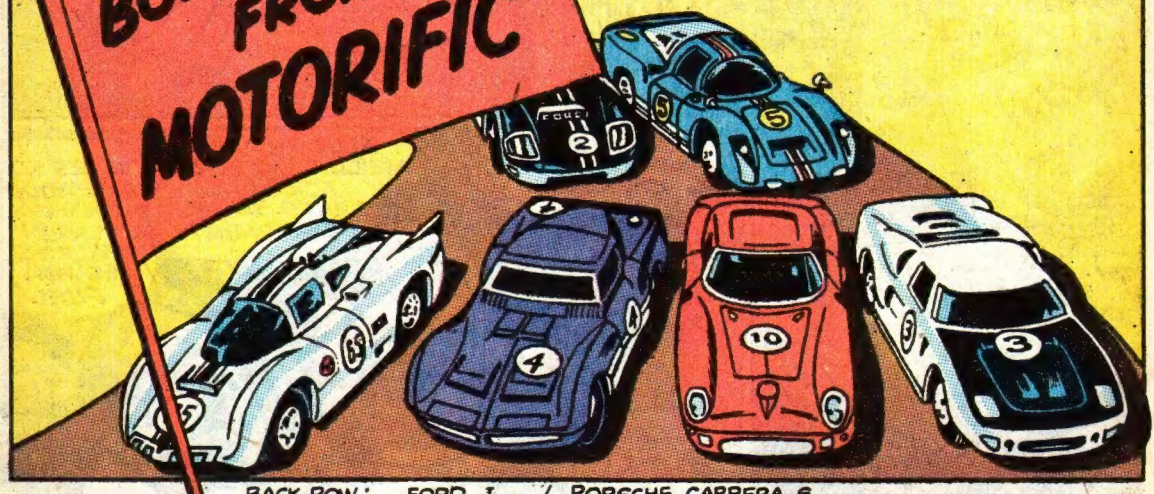
PERHAPS HOURS LATER...PERHAPS ONLY SECONDS... CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO THE LEGIONNAIRES...
GREAT IONUS! WHERE ARE WE?
I'VE HEARD OF BEING BLOWN TO KINGDOM COME, BUT THIS DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HEAVEN!
WE WEREN'T "BLOWN" ANYWHERE, BOUNCING BOY! NO EXPLOSION COULD AFFECT ME! I'D GUESS WE WERE HIT BY A TELEPORT RAY WHICH INSTANTLY TRANSPORTED US HERE!
MAYBE...BUT I NEVER SAW A TELEPORT GIMMICK THAT WORKED LIKE THAT!
WHO CARES WHAT IT WAS? I WANT TO KNOW WHERE WE ARE!
APPARENTLY A BARREN WORLD IN DEEP SPACE! ANY IDEAS, JO?
WHAT I CAN SEE WITH MY ULTRA-VISION SUGGESTS THAT WE'RE IN OUR GALAXY... BUT THIS IS A REMOTE, UNCHARTED AREA!
NEXT QUESTION: WHY ARE WE HERE?
OBVIOUSLY, SOMEONE WANTS US OFF EARTH!
RIGHT... AND THAT MEANS TROUBLE IS BREWING! SO WE'D BETTER GET BACK PRONTO!
SUPERBOY! DO SOME SUPER-FAST SPACE EXPLORING AND FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE IN RELATION TO EARTH! THEN...
ULTRA BOY! LOOK! BEHIND YOU!

HEY! IS THAT AN EXAMPLE OF THIS PLANET'S WILD LIFE?
HE LOOKS DANGEROUS, GROUP! BETTER GET BACK!
YOU, TOO, U BOY! LET ME HANDLE UGLY!
IF ANYONE CAN HANDLE HIM, YOU CAN, SUPIE!
SCAT, BUSTER!
;WHEW!; THIS BRUISER IS TOUGHER THAN HE LOOKS!
BACK TO THOSE ROCKS, GANG... TAKE UP A DEFENSIVE POSITION!
SUDDENLY...
ARRRGH!
SUPERBOY! WHAT'S WRONG? WHY DON'T YOU BREAK FREE? SUPERBOY!
HELP HIM, SOMEBODY!
HE'S IN TROUBLE! THAT BEAST'S TEETH ARE MADE OF GREEN KRYPTONITE... THE ONE SUBSTANCE THAT CAN KILL SUPERBOY!
5

IT'S TOO LATE! SUPERBOY'S BEEN... DEVOURED!
GASP! HE'S DEAD... DEAD!
THE MONSTER SEEMS SATISFIED! HE'S LEAVING!
SUPERBOY.. GONE! CHOKE! WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE US, JO?*
*JO NAH, THAT IS... THE REAL NAME OF THE CURRENT LEGION LEADER, ULTRA BOY. — Ed.
IT GIVES US ANOTHER JOB TO DO BEFORE WE LEAVE THIS WORLD!
SOON...
LAST STONE IS IN PLACE, SUN BOY!
THANKS FOR MAKING 'EM LIGHTER FOR ME, LIGHT LASS!
NOW I'LL MELT THE STONE FACES SMOOTH WITH MY SOLAR HEAT!
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.

FLASH! BONUS OFFER FROM MOTORIFIC®

BUY ANY OF THESE HOT MOTORIFIC RACING CARS AND GET A RACE TRACK ATTENDANT ...RIGHT IN THE PACKAGE!

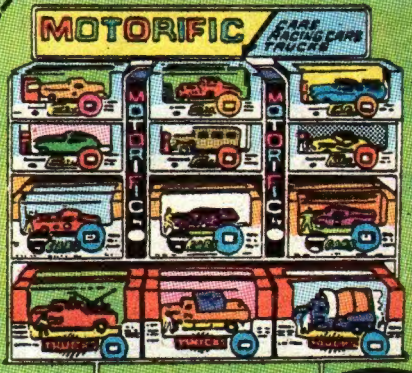


BACK ROW: FORD J / PORSCHE CARRERA 6
FRONT ROW: CHAPARRAL / MAKO SHARK / FARRARI 250 / FORD MARK II.

SIGNAL MAN FIREMAN · MECHANIC · ATTENDANT · TRACKMAN · FLAGMAN

EACH SET COMES WITH THE RACER OF YOUR CHOICE, THE NEW BONUS ATTENDANT, AND A HIGH-TORQUE MOTORIFIC MOTOR.

LOOK FOR THIS MOTORIFIC DISPLAY CENTER AT YOUR FAVORITE TOY STORE NOW!



IT'S MOTORIFIC, IT'S EXTRA EXTRA TERRIFIC... IT'S IDEAL

ULTRA BOY IS INSCRIBING SUPERBOY'S EMBLEM ON THE MONUMENT WITH HIS FLASH VISION! THROUGH AGES TO COME, IT WILL REMAIN HERE, IN MEMORY OF A GREAT HERO!
WELL... THAT'S DONE! I KNOW HOW YOU ALL FEEL, BUT SAVE THE TEARS! WE HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT KEEPING OURSELVES ALIVE... SO LET'S SET UP CAMP BEFORE DARK! WE'RE APT TO HAVE A COLD NIGHT!
YOU SUPERVISE THE OPERATION, COSMIC BOY! I HAVE A SPECIAL JOB TO DO WITH INVISIBLE KID'S AID!
WONDER WHAT THEY'RE UP TO? OH, WELL...
SUN BOY! WE'LL NEED FIRE FOR HEAT... THAT'S YOUR DEPARTMENT!
THERE'S NO FIREWOOD ON THIS PLANET! WHAT DO I USE FOR FUEL?
YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING! I HAVE FAITH IN YOU!
NOW... FOR SHELTER! LET'S SEE... THAT LEDGE HAS POSSIBILITIES! LIGHT LASS!
YES?
ZAP THESE THREE BIG, FLAT ROCKS WITH YOUR WEIGHT-REDUCING RAYS... THAT'S IT... NOW HELP ME MOVE 'EM!
SURE THING!

OH! I SEE... INSTANT HOUSE!
RIGHT! ALL COMFY AND COZY!
JUST UNLIGHTEN THE ROCKS, AND OUR LITTLE STONE HUTCH WILL BE AS SOLID AS GIBRALTAR.
MEANWHILE...
HEY! WHAT'S WRONG, LUORNU?*
JUST FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF! I WAS CRAZY ABOUT SUPERBOY! I KNEW I DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE WITH HIM, BUT THAT DIDN'T MATTER!
*LUORNU DURGO IS BETTER KNOWN AS DUO DAMSEL.-Ed.
WHAT'S MORE, I'M USELESS ...I DON'T DESERVE TO BE A LEGIONNAIRE! I CAN'T EVEN HELP SET UP CAMP, BOUNCING BOY!
YOU... USELESS? I USED TO FEEL THAT WAY... TILL I FOUND MY PLACE IN LIFE!
WHAT'S THAT?
COMIC RELIEF! I HAVE A SELF-APPOINTED OFFICIAL POST IN THE LEGION. "CHIEF OF MORALE!" THE OTHERS TAKE THEMSELVES TOO SERIOUSLY... THEY NEED A LAUGH ONCE IN A WHILE!
SORRY... WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE BOUNCING BOY AND DUO DAMSEL FOR A SHORT BREAK. BUT YOU'LL SEE HOW B.B USES HIS POWERS TO INFLATE AND BOUNCE IN PART II!
8

PLUCK

Build her, yourself! She's the plucky Navy PBY, and plucking downed pilots out of the sea during WWII was her specialty. She'd plop down on the water, pick up her boys, and off she'd fly again...all within a matter of seconds and a few hundred feet, and sometimes under direct enemy fire. No wonder so many fliers loved her. She was also the first flying boat to span the U.S. and first to explore unknown regions of the Arctic and New Guinea. And in WWII she laid mines, ferried men and supplies, and was a patrol bomber of the famed Black Cat Squadron. You can't seem to keep the old girl down. Now she's hard at work fighting forest fires! We think you'll learn to love her too, as you build Revell's beautifully authentic model of the classic PBY Catalina. She sells for under $2.00, wherever toys or hobbies are sold.

Send 35¢ for new 1969 color catalog of Revell kits. Revell, Inc., 4364 Glencoe Ave., Venice, California 90291

Revell

March, 1969 • Model of the Month
PBY-5A Catalina

SUPER... SPECIAL...

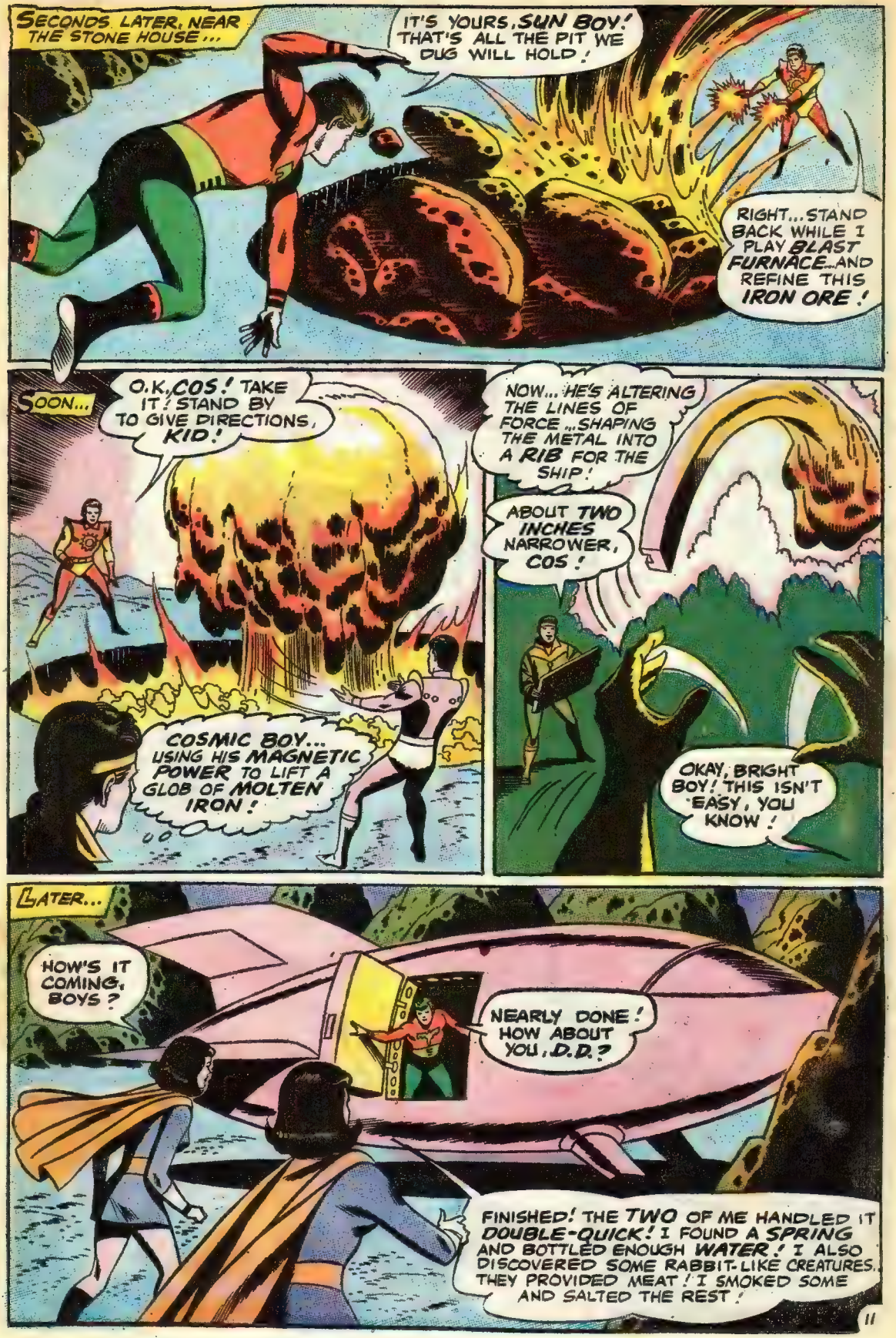
SUPERMAN-NATIONAL COMICS
DC
GIANT
SUPER 20th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
25¢
JUNE
NO. 156
SUPERBOY
PETE ROSS...YOU'VE STOLEN MY SUPER-POWERS, MY COSTUME, AND MY SUPER-DOG! I'LL DIE IF YOU LEAVE ME HERE!
TOO BAD, CLARK! NOW I'M GOING TO SMALLVILLE TO STEAL YOUR GIRL, LANA LANG!
featuring A SPECIAL TWO-PART NOVEL... "THE ENEMY SUPERBOY!"
THERE GOES OUR ADOPTED SON--BACK TO ANOTHER PLANET WITH HIS REAL PARENTS!
featuring SUPERBOY'S FAREWELL to SMALLVILLE!"
TWO FANTASTIC BOOK-LENGTH NOVELS!

ON SALE MAR. 6

SPECTACULAR!

PART II
"The BUILDING of the SHIP!"
AS BOUNCING BOY'S PEP TALK CONTINUES...
BUT YOU DON'T NEED TO BE FUNNY... YOU'RE PRETTY! EVEN IF YOUR POWER WERE USELESS... WHICH IT ISN'T... YOU'D BE NEEDED TO GIVE THIS OUTFIT SOME CLASS!
WHY... THANK YOU...
ACTUALLY, I CAN THINK OF PLENTY OF TIMES YOUR POWER TO SPLIT INTO TWO GIRLS HAS SAVED THE DAY! BUT LET'S CUT THE CHIT-CHAT!...
OUR FEARLESS LEADER IS BACK!
I FOUND SOME COAL FOR THE FIRE, COS! THIS PLACE IS LOADED WITH MINERALS!
FINE! TAKE IT INSIDE, AND...OOPS! I FORGOT TO MAKE A DOOR!
TROUBLE, COS?
I'LL FIX IT... ONE DOOR COMING UP!
WHAT'S THAT INVISIBLE KID HAS...A PIECE OF SLATE...A CRUDE BLACK-BOARD? HMM... I SAW SOME CHALK DEPOSITS NEARBY! I WONDER...?
HURRY, JO! IT'S GETTING COLD AND DARK!
I'LL IGNITE THE COAL... THERE! SHOULD BE TOASTY WARM IN HERE BEFORE LONG!
I HOPE SO...BRRR!
ORDER! QUIET... LET'S TRY TO HAVE AN ORGANIZED MEETING! TAKE OVER, KID!
TO GET OFF THIS PLANET, WE'LL NEED A SPACESHIP... AND WE'LL HAVE TO BUILD IT FROM SCRATCH! I'M NO BRAINIAC 5, BUT I AM A SCIENTIST! SO HERE IS MY PLAN...

LOOK AT THE DIAGRAM ON THIS SLATE! WORKING TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE SUCH A SHIP IN A SHORT TIME! IT WON'T BE A LUXURY STAR-CRUISER, BUT IT SHOULD GET US HOME! ARE YOU GAME?
I DON'T FANCY DOING A ROBINSON CRUSOE BIT, WAITING YEARS TO BE RESCUED!
SURE,.. IT'S BETTER THAN SITTING AROUND AND CRYING!
FORTUNATELY, MINERALS ARE ABUNDANT HERE... WE SHOULDN'T LACK ANY RAW MATERIALS! FINDING THEM IS ANOTHER MATTER! THAT WILL BE YOUR JOB, B.B.!
CHECK, CHIEF!
AND SO, MORNING FINDS BOUNCING BOY DOING HIS THING...
ME... SCOUTING! HOW ABOUT THAT? I ACTUALLY FEEL IMPORTANT! SAY! THAT CLIFF-FACE HAS THE REDDISH COLOR OF IRON ORE!
YEP! IT'S THE REAL THING!
BOUNCING BOY TO FEARLESS LEADER... GET A FIX WITH YOUR WRIST COMMUNICATOR AND ZOOM OUT HERE FOR SOME IRON!
WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG? TSK! THREE SECONDS!
I STOPPED TO DO SOME SIGHT-SEEING! THIS IS PLENTY OF IRON! NOW CONCENTRATE ON COPPER, ALUMINUM AND MANGANESE!


SECONDS LATER, NEAR THE STONE HOUSE...
IT'S YOURS, SUN BOY! THAT'S ALL THE PIT WE DUG WILL HOLD!
RIGHT... STAND BACK WHILE I PLAY BLAST FURNACE... AND REFINE THIS IRON ORE!
SOON...
O.K., COS! TAKE IT! STAND BY TO GIVE DIRECTIONS, KID!
COSMIC BOY... USING HIS MAGNETIC POWER TO LIFT A GLOB OF MOLTEN IRON!
NOW... HE'S ALTERING THE LINES OF FORCE... SHAPING THE METAL INTO A RIB FOR THE SHIP!
ABOUT TWO INCHES NARROWER, COS!
OKAY, BRIGHT BOY! THIS ISN'T EASY, YOU KNOW!
LATER...
HOW'S IT COMING, BOYS?
NEARLY DONE! HOW ABOUT YOU, D.D.?
FINISHED! THE TWO OF ME HANDLED IT DOUBLE-QUICK! I FOUND A SPRING AND BOTTLED ENOUGH WATER! I ALSO DISCOVERED SOME RABBIT-LIKE CREATURES. THEY PROVIDED MEAT! I SMOKED SOME AND SALTED THE REST!

AFTER COSMIC BOY CHARGES THE HOME-MADE GENERATOR WITH HIS MAGNETIC POWER, AND SUN BOY DISTILLS FUEL FOR THE SHIP, THE HEROES' ODYSSEY BEGINS...
A-OKAY INSIDE! IT'S UP TO YOU, U BOY!
UHH! IT'S TAKEN NEARLY ALL MY STRENGTH... TO HURL THE SHIP AND GIVE IT THE FINAL SURGE IT'LL NEED FOR ESCAPE VELOCITY... NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS GET ABOARD BEFORE IT REACHES SPACE!
CHECK!
THE ENGINE WE MADE ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH FOR TAKE-OFFS... IT'LL BE USED FOR STEERING, AND ACCELERATION! THE BLAST-OFF IS MY JOB!
HERE GOES...AT SUPER-SPEED! BUT SINCE I CAN ONLY USE ONE POWER AT A TIME, I'LL HAVE TO REACH THE SHIP BEFORE IT LEAVES THIS WORLD'S ATMOSPHERE! IF I SWITCH TO INVULNERABILITY, I'LL NEVER CATCH THE CRAFT!
QUICK! GET HIM INSIDE!
MADE IT!

MOMENTS LATER...
WE NEED MORE SPEED! IT'LL TAKE FOREVER TO CROSS THE GALAXY AT THIS RATE!
DON'T LOOK AT ME! I'M BUSHED! HOW ABOUT LIGHT LASS?
I'LL HELP... I'LL MAKE THE SHIP WEIGHTLESS... INSTANTLY CUT THE EFFECT OF GRAVITY!
WOW! WE'RE SUDDENLY SPEEDING AS IF WE WERE SHOT FROM A GUN!
FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET, HUH? NOW, WITH OUR ENGINE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE WARP SPEED!
TELL ME, JO, HOW DID YOU FILL THESE TANKS WITH COMPRESSED AIR?
THE SAME WAY I CREATED A VACUUM IN OUR HOME-MADE LIGHT BULB... WITH THE PRESSURE OF MY SUPER-BREATH!
AS ULTRA BOY SCANS THE UNIVERSE IN ALL DIRECTIONS WITH HIS PENETRA VISION...
I SEE A GROUP OF STARS THAT LOOKS FAMILIAR... MAYBE THE VICINITY OF EARTH'S SYSTEM... BUT I CAN'T BE SURE! I'VE NEVER SEEN IT FROM THIS ANGLE BEFORE!
STILL, WITH NO INSTRUMENTS, WE'LL HAVE TO SIGHT-STEER! HEAD 7.6 DEGREES LEFT!
LATER...
SAY, JO! WHAT'S THAT PLANET OVER THERE?
PLANET? I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING ANY PLANETS NEARBY WHEN I WAS CHECKING OUR COURSE!
IT'S A METEOR... A WHOPPER... COMING RIGHT AT US!

INSTANTLY, THE LEGION LEADER EXPLODES INTO FURIOUS ACTION...
MY ULTRA SPEED WILL GET ME OUT OF THE SHIP SO FAST THE AIR DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO ESCAPE! THERE!
NOW I SWITCH TO INVULNERABILITY TO PROTECT ME FROM AIRLESS SPACE, WHILE I HEAD FOR THAT ROCK! SINCE I CAN ONLY USE ONE POWER AT A TIME I'LL NEED MY FLIGHT-RING!
NOW... FOR JUST A FEW SECONDS... ULTRA-STRENGTH!
GOODBYE, METEOR!
I SHATTERED IT... SAVED THE SHIP FROM BEING SMASHED... BUT SMALL FRAGMENTS ARE GETTING THROUGH... BATTERING THE SHIP!
AS ULTRA BOY SWITCHES TO INVULNERABILITY TO INSPECT THE DAMAGED HULL...
THIS SHIP WAS RICKETY AT BEST, TO BEGIN WITH... NOW IT'S UN-SPACE-WORTHY! WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT UNLESS WE STOP FOR REPAIRS!
HMM! THERE'S A PLANET UP AHEAD... WE'RE ALREADY IN ITS GRAVITATIONAL FIELD! I'LL RIDE THE SHIP IN FOR A LANDING!

WHEW!! AIR AT LAST! I CAN SWITCH TO ULTRA-STRENGTH AND LAND THIS BLAST-BUGGY!
IF I CAN FIND A PLACE, THAT IS! THIS WHOLE WORLD IS COVERED WITH WATER! ONLY A FEW ISLANDS JUT UP HERE AND THERE!
HERE GOES! I'LL HAVE TO LAND WITH PINPOINT ACCURACY TO AVOID DAMAGING THE SHIP EVEN MORE! ONE SLIP AND OUR ODYSSEY ENDS HERE AND NOW!
EASY DOES IT!
AND SO, AS ULTRA BOY BEARS THE CRAFT IN FOR A LANDING, WE TAKE A BRIEF PAUSE...AFTER WHICH WE'LL RETURN WITH PART III.
15

ENTER THE GATEWAY TO OTHER WORLDS with...
DC
ADAM STRANGE
ADVENTURES
NO. 218
JUNE
12¢
DEATH TO ADAM STRANGE SORCERER!
JOURNEY TO THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE
ON SALE MAR. 18

Detective Comics #27 (May, 1939)

FACT FILE #7

S-138

The comics readers of thirty years ago always could depend upon getting a great buy for their money whenever they picked up on a copy of *Detective Comics.* For more than two years straight it had produced some of the most exciting adventure stories in the still young comics field. In fact, the magazine was the first ever to print all brand-new stories. By the time #27 rolled around, it was solidly established as a reader's favorite.

A leading reason for *Detective Comics'* popularity was its regular features. The best known at the time was a character called *Slam Bradley.* Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, the creators of Superman, were the people behind the strip originally and the writer-artist team of the story in #27. The tale begins with *Slam* and his partner *Shorty Morgan,* both private detectives, being run off the side of the road by a hurtling car. Catching up to the reckless driver, *Slam* discovers that he is an escaped killer, "Black Jack" Benson. *Slam* makes short work of recapturing the criminal, but the story is just beginning. The killer escapes from jail with the aid of an accomplice and he is believed to have gone to Switzerland. *Slam* and *Shorty* follow the trail to a ski resort, where they encounter a ski instructor who seems familiar. After a harrowing experience on the slopes, Slam is suspicious of the instructor. So one night he follows the instructor as he skis away from the resort. *Slam* and *Shorty* overcome him at a cave, only to be surprised by "Black Jack,' who turns out to be the ski instructor's brother. *Slam* and *Shorty* are tied to a toboggan and sent speeding down a mountain-side toward a chasm. At the last instant they fling themselves over and stop their flight. After freeing their bonds, they surprise the criminals and capture them, *Slam Bradley* was a very popular feature that continued until the late 1940's.

Another strip that was well-received was another Siegel-Shuster series entitled simply "Spy." *Bart Regan* was no *James Bond,* but he always managed to involve himself in some fairly fantastic scheme that threatened our national security. In this particular story in issue #27, two members of a five-man congressional committee suddenly die, apparently of internal injuries. Bart's boss suspects murder and sends him to investigate. While eating lunch with a third congressman, the latter suddenly falls dead, with the same cause of death as the other two. Bart quickly rushes the last remaining congressmen into a hotel and registers them under false names. He then begins to pour over old committee files. While doing so, a hobo breaks in and forces Bart to give him his lunch, which Bart gladly allows him to eat anyway. Then the hobo falls dead and Bart realizes that *his* food was poisoned. He races to the congressmen's hotel room and searches *their* food. He discovers a miniature bomb that had a covering that would dissolve in the stomach and explode, killing whomever had taken it. Back at his apartment, Bart has two visitors who say they have come to question him about the hobo's death. He goes with them, expecting to clear himself with their superiors, only to find that they are fakes who really are working for the man behind the murders. However, in a bit of quick thinking, Bart turns the tables on his captor and the villain falls victim to his own destructive device. Back at headquarters, Bart's boss remarks, "You certainly cleaned up that case pronto!", to which Bart merely replies, "That's old stuff—bring on another case!" Bart's career as *"Spy"* continued until the end of World War II.

Slam Bradley and *Spy,* of course, were not the only strips in the *Detective Comics* issues of those days. There was also featured *Speed Saunders,* another ace investigator, who in issue #27 solved the Red Crescent murders of the "Killers of Kurdistan." Then *Buck Marshall,* a Western range detective, solved the murder of a cowboy in "Bullet Bluff." The *Crimson Avenger,* a popular costumed hero in later years, appeared as a *Shadow*-type investigator in his strip. Other minor fillers completed the issue. The old-timers in the audience will remember *Cosmo, The Phantom of Disguise . . . Plain Clothes Pete . . . Flatfoot Flannigan . . . Bruce Nelson . . .* not to mention the well-done adaptations of Sax Rohmer's *Dr. Fu Manchu.*

Naturally the main event of *Detective Comics #27* was the first appearance of *The Batman.* This classic first story is now being featured in the 30th anniversary celebration for *Batman* in the May *Detective Comics.* Bob Kane and Bill Finger combined to produce a character that fit right into the *Detective Comics* bag but changed the entire direction of the magazine and of the comics industry itself. Here was a character which operated as a detective, solving the murderous crimes of the day, as did most of the other features in the book. However, there was an added development. The cat (or should I say bat?) had the very essence of mystery surrounding him. With his dark costume and ever-mysterious appearances and disappearances, he seemed to personify the image of the perfect detective. Comics were never the same afterwards. And *Detective Comics* was never the same again, either. The continuing success of *Batman* led to other costumed characters in the magazine throughout the years: *Air Wave, Crimson Avenger, Robotman, J'onn J'onzz, Elongated Man.* Today *Batman* shares what has now become "his" *Detective Comics* with his fellow *Bat*-characters, *Robin the Boy Wonder* and *Batgirl.*

A SAGA OF Sword and SORCERY!

DC SHOWCASE

ON SALE MARCH 13th

Part III
"NO WELCOME FOR THE WANDERERS!"
SOON...
SOME ISLANDS... NO MORE THAN ROCKS JUTTING OUT OF THE SEA! OH, WELL...
LET'S HURRY WITH THE REPAIRS... THIS PLACE HAS AN EERIE FEELING...
I'LL WELD THE HULL BREAKS... IT'S GOING TO BE SLOW WORK, THOUGH, WITHOUT TOOLS!
I'LL STRAIGHTEN THE BENT BEAM WITH MY SUPER-MAGNETISM!
WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A LEGION CRUISER INSTEAD... HEY! LOOK OVER THERE!
A LEGION CRUISER! I... DON'T BELIEVE IT!
SOME OTHER LEGION MEMBERS MUST BE HERE ON A MISSION! LET'S GO SEE!
HURRY! I WONDER WHO IT IS?
THE SHIP IS ON AN ISLAND ABOUT A MILE AWAY... I THINK! I LOST SIGHT OF IT!
HERE'S THE ISLAND... BUT WHERE'S THE SHIP?!
IT'S GONE... BUT IT WAS RIGHT HERE!
WE'LL... IT'S NOT NOW!
THANKS... BUT I'D ALREADY FIGURED THAT OUT!

LOOK! OVER THERE! SUPERBOY!
THEN HE'S NOT DEAD! HE ESCAPED AND FOUND US! HI, SUPERBOY!
DUO DAMSEL... WAIT!
CATCH HER, BOUNCING BOY... THERE'S A STORM BUILDING... WE MUST GET THE REPAIRS DONE AND GET OUT OF HERE!
I'LL GO AFTER HER! D.D.... HOLD UP!
AS ANXIOUS MINUTES PASS...
WHERE ARE THEY?... CAN'T YOU SEE THEM WITH YOUR PENETRA VISION, U BOY?
HOLD ON! OVER THERE!... I SEE HER WITHOUT PENETRA VISION! LET'S GET HER!
NO... IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER MIRAGE... A PLOY BY SOME EVIL INTELLIGENCE ON THIS WORLD TO LURE US ALL TO OUR DEATHS IN THE STORM! OUR BEST BET IS TO HEAD BACK TO THE SHIP... WAIT... AND HOPE!
ALL RIGHT... BUT HURRY... IN A FEW MINUTES THE STORM WILL BE TOO BAD TO RISK FLYING!
MEANWHILE...
SUPERBOY... ISN'T HERE!
LUORNU! I FOUND YOU!
HE NEVER WAS! YOU SAW AN ILLUSION, INTENDED TO LURE YOU INTO DANGER! NOW THE WIND'S TOO STRONG TO USE OUR FLIGHT-RINGS... AND IF THE WAVES GET ANY HIGHER, WE'LL BE SWEPT OFF THIS ROCK... DROWNED!
OH! CHUCK... I WAS SO FOOLISH TO FLY OUT HERE! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME AFTER ME!
THE WAVES ARE SURGING OVER THE ISLAND... I'M AFRAID WE'VE HAD IT, HONEY!

SUDDENLY...
GREAT KORTAROS! A WHIRLPOOL HAS FORMED AROUND THIS ROCK... IT'S PROTECTING US FROM THE WAVES!
BUT HOW COULD THAT HAPPEN?
WHO KNOWS?... BUT WE'RE SAFE FOR NOW! THE STORM IS SHOWING SIGNS OF SLACKENING... IT SHOULD BE OVER BY MORNING!
AS SOON AS IT'S LIGHT, WE'LL TRY TO FIND OUR WAY BACK! MAYBE THE OTHERS CAN MAKE SOME SENSE OUT OF THIS!
LONG HOURS PASS...THEN, WITH THE COMING OF DAWN, THE STORM SUBSIDES, AND...
HI, JO!
BOUNCING BOY! WE WERE JUST ABOUT TO START A SEARCH, THOUGH WE'D ALMOST GIVEN YOU UP FOR LOST! WHAT HAPPENED?
AS CHUCK (BOUNCING BOY) TAINE RELATES HIS TALE...
...SO THE WHIRLPOOL SAVED US!
HMM! SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON HERE! I'M NOT SURE WHAT, THOUGH!
BUT WE'RE GOING HOME TO SOME REAL ANSWERS, NOW! INVISIBLE KID AND I FIGURED OUT A QUICK WAY!
SOON...
COSMIC BOY HELPED ME FIND ENOUGH METAL TO MAKE THIS SUPER-CABLE... NOW IT'S UP TO ME TO SWING THE SHIP...
...AND SLOWLY ACCELERATE IT TILL IT APPROACHES HYPER-LIGHT VELOCITY... THEN, IF INVISIBLE KID'S CALCULATIONS ARE CORRECT...
CONTINUED ON 2ND PAGE FOLLOWING.

It's the t'rantula
WITH BLOSSOMED BRAKE CHUTE
Get This Screaming Monster Dragster
Ready to Jump All Competition
Exciting New Kit by Monogram
Only $2

It's hard to believe, even when you see it. But the monster is here.

Long, low and mean-looking slimy green body. Great big Ford engine with GMC huffer. Headers that fan out like a giant black spider's legs. Wide Goodyear slicks on rear with louvered fenders which permit rubber dust, smoke and "stuff" to escape. Detailed interior.

Make the t'rantula with chute closed or open. Chute pack and four-panel blossomed chute both included in kit along with 1¼ inch molded tarantula, the giant spider and decals.

Get a t'rantula now—at your favorite store.

Monogram Models, Inc.,
Morton Grove, Illinois.

ADMIT ONE (1) TO
PALISADES
AMUSEMENT PARK
ADMISSION FREE PARKING
GOOD MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAYS
WORTH $1.10
(EXCEPT HOLIDAYS) UNTIL 7 P.M.

PALISADES AMUSEMENT PARK N.J.
Opening APRIL 5th
½ MILE SOUTH OF THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE

ALL SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS COMICS IN MAY THROUGH OCTOBER HAVE THE FREE COUPON!

Free Ride BATMAN SLIDE

Free Ride CAROUSEL

...IT SHOULD CRASH THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIER... SO!
NOW I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW IT IN! I MUSTN'T LET GO OF THE CABLE!
I'M IN... THE STRAIN IS TERRIFIC, BUT OUR JOURNEY SHOULD ONLY TAKE FIVE SECONDS IN THIS CONTINUUM... I MUST HOLD OUT!
THEN, SUDDENLY... THE END OF THE ODYSSEY!
WE MADE IT! EARTH! NOW I CAN RE-ENTER THE SHIP AT SUPER-SPEED!
UNREGISTERED SPACESHIP TO SCIENCE POLICE... WE'RE LEGIONNAIRES! REQUEST LANDING PERMISSION!
PERMISSION DENIED! THE REAL LEGION-NAIRES WARNED US ABOUT YOU PHONIES!
PHONIES? BUT... SURELY YOU RECOGNIZE THE WAVE LENGTH OF OUR WRIST COMMUNICATORS?
SURE... YOU STOLE THEM! THE GENUINE SUPER-HEROES ARE ON EARTH! STAY THERE TILL A POLICE CRUISER CAN TAKE YOU IN TOW... DISOBEY AND WE'LL BLAST YOU!
WHAT IS THIS, U BOY? WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW... BUT I INTEND TO FIND OUT! I'LL CHECK OUR HEADQUARTERS WITH MY PENETRA VISION!

GREAT SPACE! SUPERBOY! HE'S WITH MON-EL AND... DOUBLES OF US!
SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHAT'S GOING ON?
GREAT BOLIDES!
A FANTASTIC RAY-BLAST... KILLING EVERYONE IN THE CLUBHOUSE!
THEY'RE ALL... DEAD?
NO...SUPERBOY AND MON-EL ARE FINE! AND THE REST...WERE ROBOTS!
ATTENTION, UNREGISTERED CRAFT! YOU HAVE JUST BEEN GIVEN LANDING CLEARANCE AT LEGION HEADQUARTERS... PROCEED!
AND AS THE LEGIONNAIRES ALIGHT AT LEGION SPACEPORT...
IT'S SUPIE, ALL RIGHT... ALIVE!
WITH MON-EL AND THE SUPER-PETS! WHAT GIVES?
SIMMER DOWN, BOSS MAN! WE JUST HAD TO PULL A LITTLE HOAX TO SAVE YOUR NECKS!
DREAM GIRL WARNED ME OF A FANTASTIC THREAT... ONE YOU'D NEVER HAVE BELIEVED! SO I USED THE ENERGY OF MY X-RAY VISION TO REGISTER DANGER ON THE ENVIRO-METER, KAYOED YOU ALL WITH A STUN BOMB, AND WHISKED YOU TO THAT ALIEN WORLD!

Your KEY to- power for SELF-DEFENSE!

Any one of these GREAT BOOKS for only $1.35 ea. POST PAID

3169 Defend Yourself—KETSUGO Be unbeatable in the art of self-defense! Ketsugo combines all the fine points of Judo, Ate-Waza, Aikido, Yawara, Savate and Jiu-Jitsue.

3127 HOW TO FIGHT A complete self-instruction book on professional fighting. Covers every phase of fighting—the fist, stance, sparring, all blows and punches, defense and counters—plus "Inside Ring Dope".

3176 KASHI-NO-BO The famous unbeatable method of stick fighting for self-defense. Men, women, children and even the handicapped can use these techniques so effectively, that they will fear-no-man!

3133 THE KEY TO JUDO Learn to excel in self-defense with this effective system of lightning attack. Master such holds as the "Knuckle-Jab", floating drop, finger link, "Devils Handshake", the arm vice and many others.

3107 LIGHTNING JU-JITSU Simple "A-B-C" instructions enable you to protect yourself under any circumstances—master simple grips, pressures, blows, jabs and holds such as the "Thumb-Screw", "Teeth-Rattler", shoulder punch, hip and knee throw and scores of others.

3168 AMERICAN JUDO ILLUSTRATED The improved, modern, scientific art of Jiu-Jitsue taught the American way. Learn the art of hand-to-hand combat taught to our GI's in specialized units and regimental combat teams.

3170 SUPER KARATE Over 200 illustrations plus all-new simplified methods teach you to ward off any attacker. Your fingers, hands, feet and elbows become super-weapons when you use Super Karate—the deadliest art of self-defense known.

3105 THE KEY TO HYPNOTISM Mystify friend and foe alike. Be able to practice hypnotism thru the use of these safe, simple instructions. Learn age-old secrets and different methods. Read about actual case histories.

OVERCOME ANY ENEMY

No matter how BIG HE IS or how SMALL YOU ARE!

NOW! Discover from experts these quick, easy-to-learn ways to defend yourself—Anywhere—Anytime—Against Anyone! GAIN **CONFIDENCE, RESPECT** and **POPULARITY!**

Learn every science of Self-Defense and lethal attack. You don't have to be big, you don't need muscles—You just have to "Know How"! With these fully illustrated books, you will—or it won't cost you a cent!

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE. If not satisfied, return the books within 10 days for a full refund.

ACT NOW!

RUSH COUPON TODAY!

SPECIAL OFFER — All 3 for only $2.98

3178 POLICE JIU-JITSUE Learn Jiu-Jitsue just as it's taught to Police, Marines, G-Men, Soldiers and the U.S. Coast Guard.

3179 SCIENTIFIC BOXING Diet, fight training, scientific boxing, K.O. punching—all these exciting features—plus—Encyclopedia of Prize Fighting, Ring Rules and Ring History.

3190 POLICE WRESTLING Illustrates and explains in detail all of wrestlings destructive holds, falls and punishing grips. Just like getting personal instruction in your own home.

POWER, dept. 95
P.O.Box 397 Rockville Centre, N.Y. 11571

Please rush books checked below, I enclose $_____ in payment.

☐ 3169 ☐ 3127 ☐ 3176 ☐ 3133 ☐ 3107 ☐ 3168
☐ 3170 ☐ 3105 ☐ 3178 ☐ 3179 ☐ 3190

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

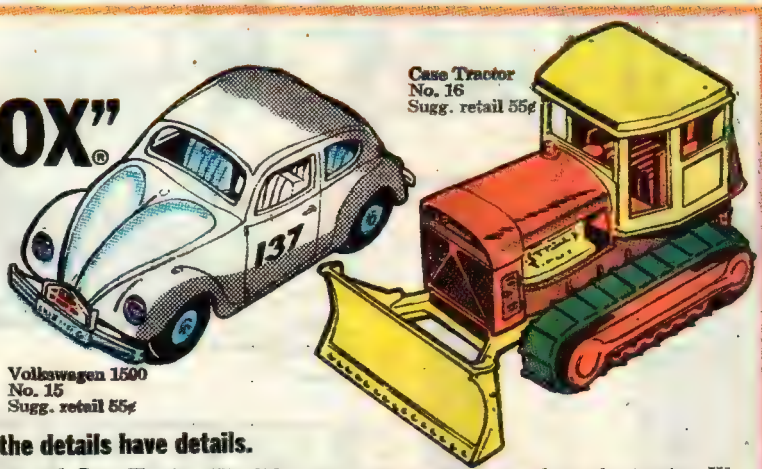
CANADIAN & FOREIGN ADD $1.5 PER BOOK U.S. INT'L. MONEY ORDER.

"THE 'MONSTER' WAS A HOLLOW MOCK-UP WITH FAKE KRYPTONITE TEETH... OPERATED FROM INSIDE BY KRYPTO, MY SUPERDOG..."
"THE METEOR WAS KICKED YOUR WAY BY COMET, THE SUPER-HORSE! HE MADE SURE NO ONE WAS INJURED BY IT, THOUGH..."
"THE ILLUSIONS...INCLUDING THE LEGION SHIP... WERE PROTY, USING HIS SHAPE-CHANGING POWER. STREAKY, THE SUPER-CAT, WHISKED HIM AWAY BEFORE YOU GOT TO HIM..."
"FINALLY, THE WHIRLPOOL THAT SAVED DUO DAMSEL AND BOUNCING BOY WAS WHIPPED UP BY BEPPO, THE SUPER-MONKEY, SWIMMING AT SUPER-SPEED..."
BUT WHAT WERE YOU PROTECTING US FROM?
DREAM GIRL SAID YOU'D BEEN THREATENED BY AN EVIL OLD MAN IN A SAILBOAT, WHO WOULD TURN THE WIND AGAINST YOU!
A SAIL-BOAT? THIS IS 2969!
I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT! THAT'S WHY MON AND I ARRANGED TO BE THE ONLY REAL LEGION-NAIRES HERE FOR A WHILE! WE'RE INVULNERABLE. AND THAT RAY-BLAST HIT THE PLACE, ALL RIGHT!
MEANWHILE, ON THE SURFACE OF THE SUN, A MIGHTY VESSEL SKIMS THE DENSE, MOLTEN MATTER... DRIVEN BY THE SOLAR WINDS, WHICH DRIVE ITS THERMOPLASTIC SAIL...

CHECKING THE HULL AGAIN, SKYZZNX? DON'T WORRY... 10,000 DEGREES IS NOTHING TO INERTRON!
BAH! I'M NERVOUS! USE THE SCANNER, ALRRK! SEE IF THEY'RE REALLY DEAD!
OF COURSE THEY'RE DEAD! NOTHING CAN WITHSTAND OUR DEATH RAY, NOW THAT WE'VE LEARNED TO TAP THE POWER OF THE SOLAR WIND!
SOLAR WIND! FINE... BUT WHY MUST WE SAIL THIS BLASTED SHIP ON THIS ACCURSED SUN TO TAP IT? I HATE THIS... A FEW INCHES OF INERTRON BETWEEN ME AND 10,000 DEGREES!
FOOL! THIS IS THE SAFEST PLACE POSSIBLE! WE'RE HERE TO CONQUER, NOT TO BE PICKED UP BY A NOSEY SPACE PATROL!
I'M STILL NERVOUS!
AND WE'RE SUCCEEDING! SO SHUT UP... CALM DOWN... AND DRINK TO THE FACT THAT WE'VE OVERCOME OUR FIRST OBSTACLE, THE LEGION!
GUESS WHAT, FELLA? YOU HAVE REASON TO SHIVER IN YOUR SHOES!
OH, NO!
I KNEW IT! I JUST KNEW THEY WEREN'T DEAD!
WE TRACED YOUR RAY-BLAST AND USED OUR NEW, EXPERIMENTAL TELEPORTER TO GET HERE!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL SURRENDER! THAT WEAPON WON'T HARM US!
I KNOW IT! I'M NOT STUPID! I REALIZE IT'S POINTLESS TO FIGHT NOW!

BUT WE'VE FAILED... NOW WE MUST PAY THE PRICE FOR OUR FAILURE... FOR OUR CRIMES, IF YOU WILL! AND IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D RATHER DO THE JOB MYSELF!
NO! WAIT! WE'RE NOT GOING TO...TOO LATE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, KID?
CLEARLY WOULD-BE CONQUERORS... MAYBE FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE! AND OBVIOUSLY UNINFORMED ABOUT WHAT WE DO WITH CAPTIVES!
RIGHT... HE EXPECTED DEATH, ANYWAY...SO HE TURNED HIS WEAPON ON HIMSELF AND HIS PARTNER!
WELL...THIS CERTAINLY HAS TO GO DOWN AS ONE OF OUR STRANGEST CASES!
BUT AT LEAST EARTH IS SAFE NOW!
FOR THE TIME BEING, YES! BUT WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL POP UP NEXT?
the End
23

NEW "MATCHBOX"® MODELS OF THE MONTH.



Volkswagen 1500
No. 15
Sugg. retail 55¢

Case Tractor
No. 16
Sugg. retail 55¢

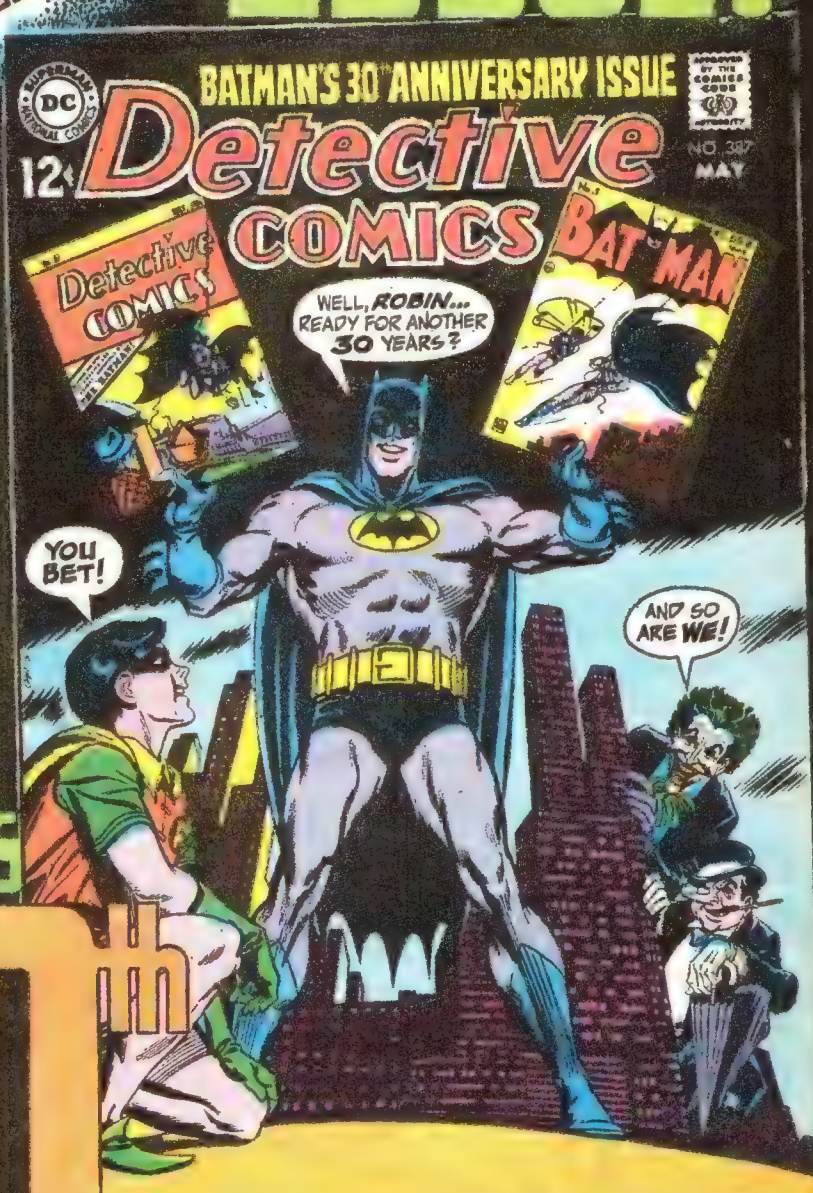
On a "MATCHBOX" model even the details have details.

Take a look at the new Volkswagen and Case Tractor. We didn't stop with putting a track on the tractor. We made it move. We made the VW 1500 really authentic. And then went one step further with an extra sporty touch—a Monte Carlo rally plaque. There are new models out all the time. And to really be a "MATCHBOX" expert, write for the free catalogue:

FRED BRONNER CORPORATION, A Division of Lesney Products & Co., Ltd., 120 East 23rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10010

WE'RE HAVING A HAPPENING!

A VERY SPECIAL ISSUE!



BATMAN'S

30th ANNIVERSARY!

THE LEGION OUTPOST W151

Dear Editor:

I have the power to see into the future. Here are my predictions. (1) Shadow Lass will marry Mon-El before she dies. (2) In your next Adult Legion story, we readers will learn more about Power Boy, who was mentioned briefly as having died in action. (3) Supergirl will be featured more often in the Legion stories. (4) You will soon have an issue featuring the second Legion, formed by the original Legionnaires' children. Am I right?

—Clifton Watkins, Lawndale, Calif.

(We can't confirm any of your prophecies—yet. But you missed the BIG changes that are coming. The next time you see the Legion in action, they'll be in ACTION—ACTION COMICS, that is! They'll be sharing that mag with Superman, while Supergirl moves over here to ADVENTURE, which will henceforth be her own magazine! So be ready when the June issue of ADVENTURE comes out—featuring a fabulous full-length Supergirl novel! And get the June ACTION, in which Timber Wolf and Light Lass star in one of the Legion's strangest tales.—Ed.)

* * *

Dear Editor:

Why aren't the descendants of Hawkman, Wonder Woman and the Atom in the Legion of Super-Heroes? And why isn't there a Green Lantern in the 30th century?

—Robert Reiner, El Monte, Calif.

(What makes you so sure the descendants of Hawkman, Wonder Woman and Atom would have superpowers? Even if they followed in their ancestors' footsteps, though, they probably wouldn't qualify. W.W. lost her powers, remember. And Hawkman and Atom depend on gadgets for their powers—strictly against Legion rules. As for G.L., it's been explained in his mag that Hal Jordan is destined to be the last Green Lantern stationed on Earth.—Ed.)

* * *

Dear Editor:

In issue 372, Chemical King joined the Legion. In ish 375, we saw Quantum Queen, who can turn into a beam of light. But back in No. 354, you revealed that Q. Queen will join the Legion and be killed in action; Chem King will also die as an adult. Why not have Quantum Queen join soon, and have the two fall in love?

—Sharon Karibian, New York, N.Y.

(Well, we might get 'em together and see whether there's the proper CHEMISTRY to bring the love-LIGHT into their eyes.—Ed.)

* * *

Dear Editor:

What kind of holidays do they celebrate in the future? I know from a past issue that they have Parents' Day. But do they have Columbus Day and other holidays we celebrate? How about religious holidays? Are there others than those of the religions we know?

—George Walker, Bronx, N.Y.

(Christianity, Judaism, Islam and most of the other religions of today exist in the 30th century, as well as religions of different worlds. And each one has its own holidays. There are also other days, commemorated on different planets. Most people of Earth descent still celebrate Columbus Day—and also Apollo Day, the anniversary of the first manned moon landing.—Ed.)

* * *

Dear Editor:

You often show Lightning Lad shooting lightning from his fingers. But in the very first Legion story, he had to clap his hands to make lightning flashes. Also in that story, Cosmic Boy said that a special serum gave him super-magnetic eyes. Today, you say everyone on the planet Braal has that power, and it radiates from their hands. How do you explain these things?

—Bill Bergeron, Kimberly, Wis.

(The same way we explain the changes in Superman. Originally, he couldn't fly—but he could leap a quarter of a mile. And it was stated that nothing short of an exploding shell could penetrate his skin. Just as Superman has changed and improved over the years, so the Legionnaires have changed. And we think they're much better as they are today.—Ed.)

* * *

Dear Editor:

In The Legion Outpost in No. 375, you say that Chameleon Boy can't do the split bit. But in No. 376, he used part of his body to duplicate Kodar's hammer. How did he do it?

—Art Scholp, Bergenfield, N.J.

(With great difficulty. Actually, what we meant was that he couldn't split into two people, like Duo Damsel. It was all he could do to turn a bit of himself into a small, inanimate object. More than that he couldn't do—unless he had a split personality.—Ed.)

* * *

Dear Editor:

I think there is a better way to explain why Brainiac 5 does not suffocate while using his force-shield than assuming there are "pores" in it to let the air through. His belt could contain a device that breaks down the carbon dioxide he exhales into carbon and oxygen, thus permitting him to use the same air over and over. This would eliminate the possibility of someone using poison gas on him.

—Leonard Philip Zinna, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(We're sure your idea will make Brainy breathe easier —Ed.)

Send all comments, on a postal card, to THE LEGION OUTPOST, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022. Include Zip Code with your address.

ARE YOU PREPARED TO...

ON SALE MARCH 13th

MAGIC WORLD OF SURPRISES & MYSTERY

AMERICAN CIRCLE CORP., Dept. 25-C Box 535, Westbury, N.Y. 11590

SUPER SMOKE SCREEN Lights easily. Creates a huge column of thick white smoke that rises and expands into a dense cloud. Used for Tricks, T.V., Movies and Stage stunts. Sensational surprising effect.
☐ No. 101 25¢ Each 5 for $1.00

HYPNO-COIN FREE with 25 LESSONS IN HYPNOTISM. Do you realize the power that hypnotism will give you? With the magic power of hypnosis you can hypnotize at a glance, make people obey your commands, strengthen your memory, develop a strong personality overcome bad habits. 25 lessons covers this and much much more. Send now and see for yourself how surprisingly simple hypnotism really is.
☐ No. 130 $1.00

KARATE COURSE AND CERTIFICATE. Don't be bullied! Protect yourself without weapons. Used by FBI, police, secret agents. With a simple twist of the wrist or a light jab, you can make someone twice your size and weight completely helpless. Requires barely any effort. It's brains not muscle that does it. Order now and receive a Free Karate Certificate with each course. Show it to your friends or hang it on the wall.
☐ No. 120 $1.98

EXPLODING FOUNTAIN PEN. Looks like a regular fountain pen. But when they start to write... Look out! It goes off with a bang like a hand grenade! Can be used over and over. Harmless.
☐ No. 119 75¢ Each

SECRET AGENT SPY CAMERA. Easily concealed in the palm of your hand. Takes secret or surprise pictures as well as regular candid shots. Solid all metal construction. Precision ground lenses. Speed, 1/25th of a second and time exposure. Takes 10 pictures per roll.
☐ No. 109 Camera only $1.00
☐ No. 112 Hi Speed Film 6 rolls $1.00

SILENT DOG WHISTLE. Special supersonic features makes this whistle silent so that the human ear cannot hear it. But your dog can and will respond instantly over 1/2 mile away. Amaze everyone. With this whistle you can teach your dog tricks quickly and easily. All steel construction.
☐ No. 133 $1.00

SNEEZING POWDER. Place a little of this powder on your hand, blow into the air, step back and watch the fun begin. Everyone in the room will begin to sneeze without knowing why. More fun than a barrel full of monkeys.
☐ No. 104 25¢ Each 5 for $1.00

SNOWSTORM TABLETS. Create a miniature snowstorm indoors. Will actually cover a whole room. Watch the fun start when you place one of these almost invisible tablets on the burning end of a cigarette. Watch them run for the snow shovel.
☐ No. 106 25¢ pkg. 5 pkg's $1.00

AMERICAN CIRCLE CORP., Dept. 25-C
Box 535, Westbury, N.Y. 11590

Please send me:

Item No.	How Many	Price Ea.	Total

Use other paper if necessary.
No c.o.d's.

Postage & Handling	15¢
For Catalog only	25¢
Total Enclosed	

Name _____
(print)
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Young America Record Club's

Top-Hit Records

75¢ and up

DISCOUNTS 25% 33 1/3% 50% UP TO 75%!

ALL LABELS ★ ALL STARS ★ NO EXCEPTIONS!

★ No Minimum Number Of Records To Buy ★ Order Any Day, Any Week – Same Day Shipments ★ Get Top Hits Even Before In Stock In Your Home Town ★ No Unordered Records ★ No Bills To Pay – Ever! ★ No $1.00 Extra Charge For Stereo

plus Young America Record Club fab fun!

Singles ! LP's Tape CARtridge

Buy all the LP's, all the Singles, all the Tapes you want—EVERY label, EVERY star—AT BIG DISCOUNTS—25%, 33⅓%, 50%; even up to 75%. Top-hit records begin as low as 75¢, plus a small charge for speedy delivery to your home. Buy all the records you want OR NOTHING There's no obligation ever to purchase a minimum number of records.

Get Columbia, Capitol, RCA Victor, Motown, Atlantic, Atco, Warner Bros, Reprise, Decca, Epic, Mercury, MGM, ABC,—HUNDREDS OF LABELS, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Choose from The Beatles, Aretha Franklin, Mamas and Papas, Sonny and Cher, Andy Williams, Petula Clark, Nancy Sinatra, Bill Cosby, Dionne Warwick—EVERY STAR, ANY STAR. Just name your favorites! Choose from Rock 'n Roll, Soul, Rhythm 'n Blues, Country and Western, Top Pops—EVERY KIND OF SOUND YOU LUV.

Monthly bulletins mailed to you showing nearly 500 records—ALL THE HITS played most by disc jockeys, on the juke boxes. Join today and get 15-record set of "Oldies and Goodies" (an original $13.35 value) free. Your membership dues is just $1.00. Money-back if not happy you joined. Mail $1.00 with coupon to: Young America Record Club, Dept.10759, 120 E. 56 th ST., N.Y., N.Y.10022

15-RECORD SET FREE

With Membership

Oldies and Goodies

(45-RPM'S)

An Original $13.35 Value

30-SONGS...30-SIDES...
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED!

THE ONLY RECORD CLUB WITH ALL YOUR FAVORITE STARS!

Young Rascals	Aretha Franklin
Turtles	Temptations
Jefferson Airplane	Bill Cosby
Music Explosion	The Monkees
The Association	The Yardbirds
Happenings	Rolling Stones
Every Mother's Son	Herman's Hermits
Simon and Garfunkel	Four Tops
The Animals	Paul Revere
Herb Alpert	The Bee Gees
Blues Magoos	Dionne Warwick
The Beach Boys	Lovin' Spoonful
The Beatles	Petula Clark
Johnny Mathis	Harpers Bizarre
Ventures	Supremes
Peter, Paul and Mary	Stevie Wonder
Righteous Brothers	Elvis Presley
The Yellow Balloon	Sonny and Cher
Five Americans	Frank Sinatra
Moby Grape	Nancy Sinatra
The Love Generation	Mamas and Papas
Lettermen	Dean Martin
Tony Bennett	Bob Dylan
Engelbert Humperdinck	Nancy Wilson
Dave Clark Five	MANY MORE

YOUNG AMERICA RECORD CLUB
Dept.10759, 120 E. 56 th ST., N.Y., N.Y.10022

Send my 15-record set of "Oldies and Goodies" free. Enroll me in Young America Record Club. My $1.00 membership dues is enclosed in ☐ cash ☐ check or ☐ money order. This entitles me to buy LPs, Singles, Tapes (all labels, any star) at discounts from 25%, 33⅓%, 50%, even 75%, plus a small charge for speedy delivery to my home. Monthly bulletins of hundreds of records will be mailed to me. There is no obligation to buy even one record, unless I wish.

Print Name_____

Print Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

MONEY-BACK IF NOT HAPPY YOU JOINED CLUB

GHOSTLY GLOW-POWER STRIKES!

THE MONSTERS ARE BACK. AND THEY GLOW IN THE DARK.

FOR THE BOY WHO HAS EVERYTHING!
GET THEM BEFORE THEY GET YOU!
WHAT'S NEW SOME GRUESOME?
BRING A FIEND HOME FOR DINNER!
PLAY IT COOL... GHOUL!
WHEN YOU GOTTA GLOW... YOU GOTTA GLOW!
WAIT UNTIL DARK

Aurora has put new life in the Movie Monsters. Wait'll you see what happens when the lights go out! $1.50 each, wherever hobby kits are sold.

FRANKENSTEIN **THE WOLF MAN** **PHANTOM OF THE OPERA** **THE MUMMY**
DRACULA **THE FORGOTTEN PRISONER OF CASTLEMARE**

Models can be painted as shown. Kits do not include paint or cement.

©1969 AURORA PLASTICS CORP., WEST HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK

The World's Largest Manufacturer of Hobby Products

AURORA

Aurora products are manufactured entirely in the U.S. for distribution in America; in Canada for the Commonwealth nations; and in Holland for Europe and Africa.